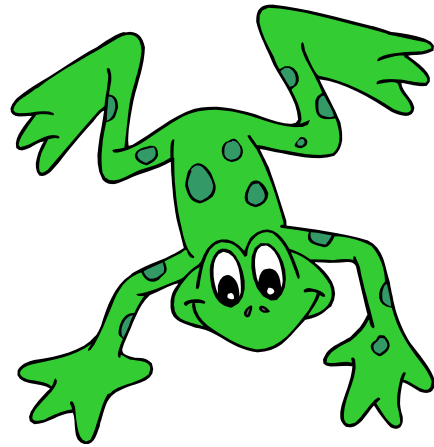


First Grade Leaps Into Learning

September 24, 2010



Reading News

To review what we learned this past week, ask your child the following questions (*correct answers provided*). What letters did you learn this week? (*h, g, s, & o*) What keys did you learn to read? (ag and ot). What do you do when you write a word with a key in it? (Underline it.) How many boxes were on your matrix? (9) Can you put your left hand on your right ear? Can you put your right hand on your left ankle? (Etc.) Really work on learning left and right!

Next week we will work on the letter and sound for *n*. Working on the letters means recognizing the letter in both print and cursive forms, knowing the sound the letter makes, and learning how to write the letter in cursive. You are encouraged to practice writing the letters at home. Our new keys will be an, od, om, and og. The "circle or sight words" will be *on, by, purple, no, up, down, black, white, what, for, and are*. We will continue to use the terms upper, middle, lower, left and right as we work on a 9-box matrix.

Math News

We worked on the concepts of *more* and *fewer* (Math SOL 1.15) and *making and interpreting "real-object" graphs, pictographs, and bar graphs* (Math SOL 1.15).

Next week we will continue to collect, investigate, identify, and describe various forms of data using tables, picture graphs, and object graphs. This data will be used to make and interpret bar graphs.

Science or Social Studies News

We learned what science is, what scientists do, and about how they use their five senses to make observations. We conducted some scientific investigations involving magnets, wind, and color (Science SOL 1.1).

Next week we will explore the changing seasons. This is Science SOL 1.7 - the student will investigate and understand the relationship of seasonal change and weather to the activities and life processes of plants and animals. We will also be exploring how the seasonal changes affect the activities of people. Be on the lookout for seasonal changes in our area!

Homework Reminder

Please remember to return all completed homework in the colorful HJB "Homework Folder" each Friday. We want you to have the flexibility to do the homework when it best suits your family's needs by giving you a Friday to Friday schedule.

Reading Milestones

By this time in first grade your child should be able to:

- Identify all letters introduced and their corresponding sounds.
- Realize that words are composed of letters and sounds
- Read words and sentences from left to right
- Retell a story after reading it
- Attempt to use the keys to sound out new words
- Recognize basic sight words
- Spell words by "sounding" them out

Important Dates in September

24 - PTO Sock Hop 7:00-9:00 pm
27 - PTO Fundraiser begins
29 - PTO Movie Day "Legend of the Guardians"



Important Dates in October

8 - Interim Reports issued
11 - NO SCHOOL Professional Day for Teachers
20 - School Picture Day